CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator:		Team:	CCRB Case #:	☐ Force	☐ Discourt.	U.S.
Julia Pagnamenta		Squad #2	202004332	☑ Abuse	O.L.	☐ Injury
Incident Date(s)		Location of Incident:		Precinct:	18 Mo. SOL	EO SOL
Friday, 05/29/2020 12:45 AM		In front of Fine Fare Supermarket at 261 Kingston Avenue		77	11/29/2021	5/4/2022
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Fri, 05/29/2020 1:55 AM		IAB Phone Wed, 06/17/2020		17/2020 12:04 PM	Ī	
Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Addre	ess			
Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command			
1. POM Patrick Craig	26996	945623	077 PCT			
2. SGT John Nicolosi	03027	950949	077 PCT			
3. POM Craig Mcgrath	26900	955165	077 PCT			
4. POM Joseph Dionisi	15890	957550	077 PCT			
5. Officers						
6. An officer						
Officer(s)	Allegati	on		Inv	estigator Recon	nmendation
A.POM Craig Mcgrath		Abuse: Police Officer Craig McGrath stopped 887(2)(6) Unknown.				
B.POM Craig Mcgrath		Abuse: Police Officer Craig Mcgrath frisked § 87(2)(b) Unknown.				
C.POM Craig Mcgrath		Abuse: Police Officer Craig McGrath searched §87(2)(b) Unknown.				
D. Officers		Abuse: Officers stopped § 87(2)(b)				
E. Officers		Abuse: Officers frisked § 87(2)(b)				
F. Officers		Abuse: Officers searched § 87(2)(b)				
G. An officer		Abuse: An officer threatened to issue summons to individuals.				
H.POM Craig Mcgrath		Abuse: Police Officer Craig McGrath threatened to issue a summons to § 87(2)(b)				
I.POM Craig Mcgrath		Abuse: Police Officer Craig Mcgrath threatened to issue summons to individuals.				
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K.POM Craig Mcgrath	Abuse: l	Police Officer Craig Mc	Grath refused to prov	vide his		
L.POM Craig Mcgrath		Abuse: Police Officer Craig McGrath refused to provide his				

Officer(s)	Allegation	Investigator Recommendation
M. Officers	Abuse: Officers refused to provide their names to § 87(2)(b)	
N. Officers	Abuse: Officers refused to provide their shield numbers to \$87(2)(6)	
O.POM Craig Mcgrath	Abuse: Police Officer Craig Mcgrath refused to provide his name to \$87(2)(b)	
P.POM Craig Mcgrath	Abuse: Police Officer Craig Mcgrath refused to provide his shield number to \$87(2)(b)	
Q. Officers	Abuse: Officers refused to provide their names to \$87(2)	
R. Officers	Abuse: Officers refused to provide their shield numbers to \$87(2)(b)	
S.POM Craig Mcgrath	Abuse: Police Officer Craig McGrath failed to provide Unknown with a business card.	
T. Officers	Abuse: Officers failed to provide strain with a business card.	
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Case Summary

On May 29 th , 2020, \$87(2)(b) filed the following complaint on behalf of herself, her friend and two males later identified as \$87(2)(b) with the Internal Affairs Bureau, generating IAB Log #20-14579 (Board Review 01). IAB referred this case to the CCRB, where it was received on June 17 th , 2020.
At approximately 12:45 a.m., on May 29 th , 2020, Police Officer Patrick Craig, Sergeant John Nicolosi, Police Officer Craig McGrath, and Police Officer Joseph Dionisi of the 77 th Precinct arrived in an unmarked vehicle in front of the Fine Fare Supermarket on Kingston Avenue between St. John's Place and Lincoln Place in Brooklyn, and allegedly started interacting with S7(2)(b) who had been standing amongst a group of approximately ten individuals. S1(2)(b) who were sitting inside S87(2)(b) s car, which was double parked on Kingston Avenue, exited the car, and approached the scene.
Police Officer McGrath stopped (Allegation A: Abuse of Authority: Stop, (ST(2)(9)) allegedly pat him down (Allegation B: Abuse of Authority: Frisk, (ST(2)(9)) reached into his pockets (Allegation C: Abuse of Authority: Search (of person), (Allegation D: Abuse of Authority: Stop, (ST(2)(9)) (Allegation D: Abuse of Authority: Stop, (ST(2)(9))), allegedly pat him down (Allegation E: Abuse of Authority: Frisk, (ST(2)(9))), reached into his pockets (Allegation F: Abuse of Authority: Search (of person), (ST(2)(9))), and retrieved his ID.
An officer allegedly told \$87(2)(b) the officers found a bag of marijuana on both \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) summonses for the marijuana (Allegation G: Abuse of Authority: Threat of Summons, \$87(2)(c) . Police Officer McGrath asked \$87(2)(b) if the double-parked car was hers, and she replied that it was. Police Officer McGrath then told \$87(2)(b) "That's a \$115 ticket too, you know that right?" (Allegation H: Abuse of Authority: Threat of Summons, \$87(2)(c) Police Officer McGrath then allegedly told that she was interrupting their "frisk and search," and that he could give the individuals on scene summonses and arrest them (Allegation I: Abuse of Authority: Threat of Summons, \$87(2)(c) (Allegation J: Abuse of Authority: Threat of Arrest, \$87(2)(c)
allegedly asked for Police Officer McGrath's name and shield number, and he allegedly replied he did not have to provide her with this information (Allegation K: Abuse of Authority: Refusal to Provide Name, \$57(2)(9) (Allegation L: Abuse of Authority: Refusal to Provide Shield Number, \$57(2)(9) (Allegation M: Abuse of Authority: Refusal to Provide Name, \$57(2)(9) (Allegation N: Abuse of Authority: Refusal to Provide Shield Number, \$57(2)(9) (Allegation N: Abuse of Authority: Refusal to Provide Shield Number, \$57(2)(9) (Allegation O: Abuse of Authority: Refusal to Provide Name, \$57(2)(9) (Allegation P: Abuse of Authority: Refusal to Provide Name, \$57(2)(9) (Allegation P: Abuse of Authority: Refusal to Provide Name, \$57(2)(9) (Allegation R: Abuse of Authority: Refusal to Provide Name, \$57(2)(9) (Allegation R: Abuse of Authority: Refusal to Provide Name, \$57(2)(9) (Allegation R: Abuse of Authority: Refusal to Provide Shield Number, \$57(2)(9) (Allegation R: Abuse of Authority: Refusal to Provide Shield Number, \$57(2)(9) (Allegation R: Abuse of Authority: Refusal to Provide Shield Number, \$57(2)(9) (Allegation R: Abuse of Authority: Failure to Provide RTKA card, \$57(2)(9) (Allegation T: Abuse of Authority: Failure to Provide RTKA card, \$57(2)(9) (Allegation T: Abuse of Authority: Failure to Provide RTKA card, \$57(2)(9) (Allegation T: Abuse of Authority: Failure to Provide RTKA card, \$57(2)(9) (Allegation T: Abuse of Authority: Failure to Provide RTKA card, \$57(2)(9) (Allegation T: Abuse of Authority: Failure to Provide RTKA card, \$57(2)(9) (Allegation T: Abuse of Authority: Failure to Provide RTKA card, \$57(2)(9) (Allegation T: Abuse of Authority: Failure to Provide RTKA card, \$57(2)(9) (Allegation T: Abuse of Authority: Failure to Provide RTKA card, \$57(2)(9) (Allegation T: Abuse of Authority: Failure to Provide RTKA card, \$57(2)(9) (Allegation T: Abuse of Authority: Failure to Provide RTKA card, \$57(2)(9) (Allegation T: Abuse of Authority: Failure to Provide RTKA card, \$57(2)(9) (Allegation T: Abuse of Authority:

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Body-worn camera (BWC) footage obtained from Police Officer McGrath's BWC is attached in IA #86 (Board Review 02) and summarized in IA #87 (Board Review 03).

Findings and Recommendations

Allegation (A) Police Officer Craig McGrath stopped \$87(2)(b) Unknown.

Allegation (B) Police Officer Craig McGrath frisked \$87(2)(b) Unknown.

Allegation (C) Police Officer Craig McGrath searched \$87(2)(b) Unknown.

was interviewed by telephone on June 29th, 2020 (**Board Review 04**) and solution was interviewed by telephone on July 8th, 2020 (**Board Review 05**). An interview appointment was scheduled with solution but he failed to respond to calls at the appointed time and he did not respond to subsequent contact attempts. The investigation was unable to obtain solution so full name and his contact information could not be found. Police Officer McGrath was interviewed at the CCRB on March 3rd, 2021 (**Board Review 06**). Police Officer Craig was interviewed on April 16th, 2021 (**Board Review 07**). Sergeant Nicolosi was interviewed on May 12th, 2021 (**Board Review 08**). Police Officer Dionisi was interviewed on June 1st, 2021 (**Board Review 09**).

The following facts are undisputed: At approximately 12:45 a.m. on May 29th, 2020, Police Officer Craig, Sergeant Nicolosi, Police Officer McGrath, and Police Officer Dionisi stopped on Kingston Avenue in an unmarked police vehicle where approximately ten individuals were standing in front of a Fine Fare Supermarket. Police Officer McGrath approached and stopped (\$57(2)(5)) on the sidewalk. (The investigation determined that the individual with whom Police Officer McGrath interacted was the individual whose name (\$57(2)(5)) provided as (\$57(2)(5)) based on the fact that (\$57(2)(5)) was wearing at the time of the incident matched the individual Police Officer McGrath's BWC shows him interacting with).

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stated that after Police Officer Craig, Sergeant Nicolosi, Police Officer McGrath, and Police Officer Dionisi exited an unmarked sedan, three of the officers searched services by "grabbing" his hoodie and going through his pockets and retrieved his identification.

stated that an unidentified officer told \$\frac{\text{87(2)(b)}}{\text{and}}\$ and \$\frac{\text{87(2)(b)}}{\text{come here,"}}\$ and told them they had received a call. \$\frac{\text{87(2)(b)}}{\text{come here,"}}\$ told the officers \$\frac{\text{87(2)(b)}}{\text{come here,"}}\$ and \$\frac{\text{87(2)(b)}}{\text{come here,"}}\$ and \$\text{valked up to the supermarket and asked the officers how they had gotten a phone call in such a short period of time. The officers did not provide \$\frac{\text{87(2)(b)}}{\text{come here,"}}\$ with any information. Police Officer McGrath grabbed \$\frac{\text{87(2)(b)}}{\text{come here,"}}\$ and turned him around to face the gate of the Fine Fare supermarket.

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marijuana on both males. ss(2)(b) asked to see the bags, but the unidentified officer never showed them to her.

Police Officer McGrath stated that the officers were driving down the block when he noticed a "large party" on the sidewalk with approximately ten individuals drinking and smoking marijuana in front of the Fine Fare Supermarket. (They had not received any 311 or 911 calls that led them to that location.) Police Officer McGrath saw [87(2)(6)] holding and smoking what appeared to be a marijuana cigarette and he smelled the odor of "burning marijuana" through the police vehicle's open window. Police Officer McGrath exited the police vehicle and approached [87(2)(6)] identified himself, and told him, "You are smoking weed." Police Officer McGrath asked for [87(2)(6)] s ID, and he provided it. Police Officer McGrath stated that [87(2)(6)] was not free to leave once he approached him and interacted with him, as he had been "committing a crime." Police Officer McGrath stopped with the intention of "enforcing the marijuana laws of the state of New York," but used his discretion not to summons him after they had a "pleasant" interaction. Police Officer McGrath did not recall if he frisked or searched [83(2)(6)] and he did not recall if he reached into any of his pockets. Police Officer McGrath stated that he did not search anyone there for marijuana, and he did not recall if any of the other officers had retrieved marijuana from anyone in the crowd.

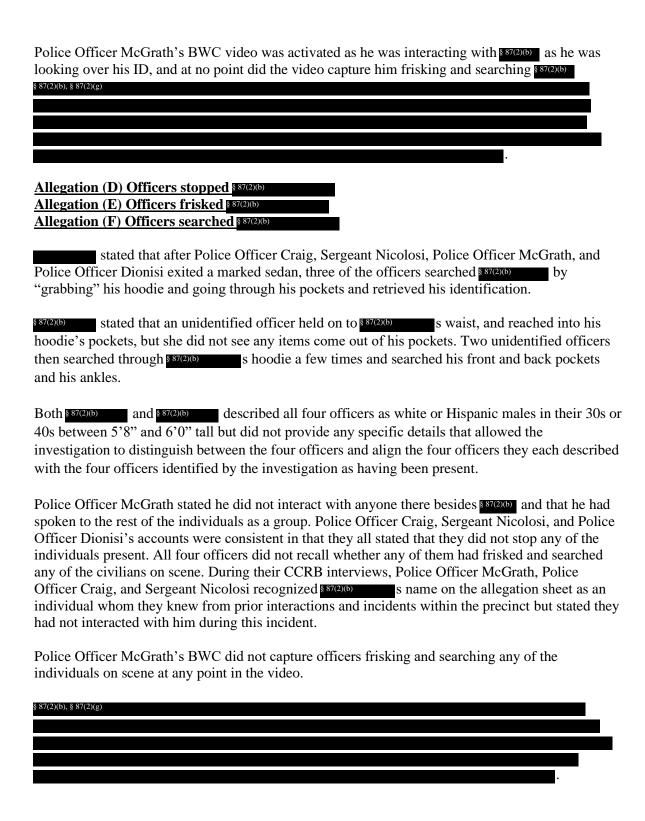
Police Officer Craig, Sergeant Nicolosi, and Police Officer Dionisi's accounts were consistent, and they all stated that they smelled marijuana immediately after getting out of the vehicle, as the "whole" street smelled of marijuana. None of the officers recalled whether any of the officers present had frisked and searched any of the civilians on scene.

Police Officer McGrath's BWC footage (**Board Review 02**) begins as he is interacting with a male wearing a red sweatshirt who the investigation identified as Police Officer McGrath is seen looking over ID at runtime 00:11 (the information on the ID is illegible due to the dark lighting condition on scene) before the audio starts at the 00:31 mark. At 00:38, Police Officer McGrath repeats twice, "You are smoking marijuana." An unidentified male says, "We're just chilling. You ain't got to do all that," and Police Officer McGrath replies, "We have job to do." The unidentified male says, "You know what y'all are looking for though." At 01:01, Police Officer McGrath says, "Listen to me, I said if you smoke drugs, how do you think these things happen?" The unidentified male speaks over Police Officer McGrath and says, "Y'all do this shit to us all the time. So what? Everybody is smoking weed." Police Officer McGrath answers, "Oh all right. Okay." The unidentified male says, "It's weed bro," and Police Officer McGrath replies, "It's not legal bro." At 01:18, a female voice the investigation believes belongs to Says, "Every day y'all are over here, stopping niggahs buying weed." Police Officer McGrath's BWC footage does not show him frisking or searching Total proposed or physically interacting with any of the individuals on scene. However, the BWC does not show the beginning of the interaction.

As per New York Penal Law 221.10, a person is guilty of criminal possession of marihuana in the fifth degree when he knowingly and unlawfully possesses marihuana in a public space, and such marihuana is burning or open to public view (**Board Review 10**).

According to <u>People v. De Bour</u>, 40 N.Y.2d 210 (1976) police officers can stop an individual if there is reasonable suspicion that a particular person has committed, is committing or is about to commit a felony or misdemeanor (**Board Review 11**).

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Allegation (G) An officer threatened to issue summons to individuals. Allegation (H) Police Officer Craig McGrath threatened to issue a summons to 887(2)(b) Allegation (I) Police Officer Craig McGrath threatened to issue summonses to individuals. Allegation (J) Police Officer Craig McGrath threatened to arrest individuals. It is undisputed that after Police Officer McGrath interacted with \$87(2)(b) he told \$87(2)(b) he could issue her a ticket for the way her car was double parked. stated that after telling the officers, "Exactly because y'all didn't even have no reason to be over here bothering these little boys," Police Officer McGrath turned to her and told her he could give her a ticket for the way her car was parked. § 87(2)(b) acknowledged that her car was double parked in the vicinity of a fire hydrant on Kingston Avenue.) § 87(2)(b) told Police Officer McGrath to give her the ticket, but she was not issued one during the incident. stated that after § 87(2)(b) and § 87(2)(b) were patted down and searched, an unidentified officer told her they had retrieved a bag of marijuana, but never showed it to her. § 87(2)(b) the officer what they were going to do with \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) and the officer replied he could give them summonses for the marihuana. Later in the incident Police Officer McGrath told that she was interrupting their frisk and search, and that he could give them summonses and arrest them. [87(2)(6) believed Police Officer McGrath had been "talking to everybody" on scene when he made the threats, and said, "I can give all of y'all tickets if I need to." Police Officer McGrath stated that after he finished interacting with \$87(2)(b) he told \$87(2)(b) walked back to the police vehicle that her vehicle was "double parked," and let her know it would be a \$115 summons. In the CCRB interview, Police Officer McGrath explained that \$37(2)6 vehicle was double parked in the middle of the street and was "blocking the flow of traffic." Police Officer McGrath did not issue \$87(2)(b) a summons. During the CCRB interview, when the investigator asked Police Officer McGrath if he told anyone else that they could be summonsed, he replied that all he remembered telling the crowd of individuals was that marijuana was not legal and that the law had not changed. Police Officer McGrath stated he heard individuals in the crowd say, "We are all smoking weed" and "it doesn't make a difference." Police Officer McGrath told the crowd of individuals that marijuana was illegal, and it was not legal to smoke. Police Officer McGrath denied threatening to arrest any individuals but stated that since smoking marijuana was still illegal at the time of the incident, the individuals who were smoking could have been arrested and issued summonses from the stationhouse, but that he had used his discretion not to summons any of the individuals there. Police Officer Craig, Sergeant Nicolosi, and Police Officer Dionisi's accounts were generally consistent, and they all stated that they did not recall the topics of summonses or arrest coming up during the incident. At 01:20 in Police Officer McGrath's BWC (**Board Review 02**), Police Officer McGrath asks "This your car, right?" pointing to a double-parked car on the street. \$87(2)(6) answers, "It

says, "If you want to give me the ticket, give me the ticket boy," and Police Officer McGrath

is my car." Police Officer McGrath replies, "That's a \$115 ticket too, you know that right?"

repeats twice, "Gladly." yells, "Give me the ticket because I am calling de Blasio on y'all." The BWC ends with the officers entering the car and does not show any of the officers issuing any other threats of summons or arrest. NYC Violation Code 46 defines double parking as standing or parking on the roadway side of a vehicle stopped, standing or parked at the curb. Double parking involves a \$115 fine (Board Review 12). 87(2)(b), § 87(2)(g) Allegation (K) Police Officer Craig McGrath refused to provide his name to \$57(2)(5) Allegation (L) Police Officer Craig McGrath refused to provide his shield number to Allegation (M) Officers refused to provide their names to §87(2)(b) Allegation (N) Officers refused to provide their shield numbers to \$87(2)(b) Allegation (O) Officers refused to provide their names to \$87(2)(b) Allegation (P) Officers refused to provide their shield numbers to \$87(2)(b) Allegation (Q) Police Officer Craig McGrath refused to provide his name to \$87(2)(b) Allegation (R) Police Officer Craig McGrath refused to provide his shield number to \$87(2)

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stated that after telling Police Officer McGrath that she had made a previous complaint against him, she asked for his name and shield number. Police Officer McGrath answered that he did not have to tell her anything and that he was not going to tell her. \$87(2)(6) then asked an unidentified officer for his name and shield number, and he replied he did not have to tell her anything. \$87(2)(6) believed that another unidentified officer gave his name and shield number to Because \$87(2)(6) did not hear the third unidentified officer provide this information, she asked him directly for his name and shield number, but he did not repeat himself.

stated that after Police Officer McGrath told the individuals on scene that he could arrest

and summons them, she tried to approach the officers to have one-on-one conversations with them and ask for their information, but as she spoke the four officers walked back to their vehicle. When asked for one unidentified officer's name and shield number, the officer held on to his vest, looked at her, then looked away, and walked away. When \$87(2)(b) asked a second unidentified officer for his name and shield number, the officer "brushed" her off by "flashing" his hand, as though he were waving her off, and then turned around to walk away. Police Officer McGrath walked away from \$87(2)(b) as she was asking for his information. \$87(2)(b) said that \$87(2)(b) had also asked the officers present for their names and shield numbers, and when they did not provide her with their information, she told them she would file a complaint against them.

Police Officer McGrath stated that no one requested his identifying information, and he did not recall anyone asking for his name or shield number. Police Officer McGrath did not know if any of the other individuals present had requested identifying information from the other officers present.

Police Officer Craig, Sergeant Nicolosi, and Police Officer Dionisi stated that they did not recall anyone on scene asking for their names or shield numbers.

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Allegation (S) Police Officer Craig McGrath failed to provide Unknown with a business card.

Allegation (T) Officers failed to provide \$87(2)(b) with a business card.

It is undisputed that no officer provided \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2} or \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2} with their business cards.

Police Officer McGrath stated that he did not provide his business card to anyone because it had not been requested. Police Officer McGrath further stated that per "department training," if an individual did not request a business card from him, he did not need to provide it.

Police Officer Craig and Police Officer Dionisi's accounts were generally consistent, and both stated that they did not remember anyone on scene asking for their business cards. Sergeant Nicolosi stated no one requested his business card. Both Sergeant Nicolosi and Police Officer Dionisi stated they were not required to provide one because the incident had been a "request for information" and they had not taken any kind of "enforcement action."

According to NYC Administrative Code 14-174, officers must offer business card to the targets of

law enforcement activity, including stops, frisks, and searches of persons, except in cases when a summons is issued, or an arrest is made (Board Review 13).

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	This is the first complaint to which \$87(2)(b) has been a party (Board Review 18).
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	Police Officer Craig McGrath has been a member of service for seven years and has bee subject in 13 other CCRB complaints and 27 other allegations, none of which were substantiated. § \$7(2)(9)
	Sergeant John Nicolosi has been a member of service for nine years and has been a subjin 14 other CCRB complaint and 27 other allegations, none of which have been substantiated. [857(2)(9)]
	Police Officer Patrick Craig has been a member of service for 13 years and has been a subject in 19 other CCRB complaints and 58 other allegations, four of which we substantiated in two cases. [837(2)(g)]
	 201201580 involved a substantiated allegation of frisk, for which the Board recommended charges and the NYPD imposed instructions. 201706371 involved substantiated allegations of force, discourtesy, and refusal provide name and shield. The Board recommended charges. He was found guilty in APU trial and the NYPD imposed discipline of the forfeiture of 10 vacation days. Police Officer Joseph Dionisi has been a member of service for six years and has been a subject in five other CCRB complaints and 14 other allegations, one of which we substantiated.
	 201806017 involved a substantiated allegation of vehicle stop, for which the Borecommended charges and the NYPD declined to prosecute and imposed no penalty
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Mediation, Civil and Criminal Histories

• § 87(2)(b) rejected mediation.

• According to the New York City Office of the Comptroller, no Notice of Claim had been filed regarding this incident as of June 30th, 2021 (**Board Review 20**).

• According to the Office of Court Administration (OCA), 887(2)(b) has no history of convictions in New York City (Board Review 21).

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